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I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the statement by the Federal Government of Yugoslavia from its session held on 2 December 1991.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Darko SILOVIC
Permanent Representative of
Yugoslavia to the United Nations

Annex

The Federal Executive Council, at its 189th session held on 2 December 1991, under the Chairmanship of its President, Mr. Ante Markovic, reviewed the activities of the federal authorities in regard to the peace initiatives for the resolution of the Yugoslav crisis.

The Federal Executive Council supported United Nations Security Council resolution 721 (1991) adopted on the initiative of and in agreement with the Government of Yugoslavia, considering that it represents an important step towards the restoration of peace in the country.

In that context, the Federal Executive Council is of the opinion that the present mission of Mr. Cyrus Vance, the Secretary-General's Personal Envoy to Yugoslavia, is of the utmost importance. The success of this mission primarily depends on the consistent and complete realization of the Geneva Accord, as a basic precondition for the reinstatement of peace in all parts of the country.

The Federal Executive Council has always advocated the resolution of the Yugoslav crisis through peaceful means, without the use of force. The cease-fire is necessary, in the first place, with a view to averting the war atrocities, further loss of life and destruction, as well as social hardships, imminent even without the war, which is pushing living conditions to the verge of existence.

The Federal Executive Council considers that it is of utmost priority at this moment to create the necessary conditions for the immediate deployment of the "blue helmets", even in a smaller number, since full-scale operation requires some time.

Without the cease-fire in place, it is certain that they cannot be sent to Yugoslavia. The Federal Executive Council also stresses that the presence of peace-keeping forces would create the conditions for the resumption of The Hague Conference on Yugoslavia as soon as possible, thus ensuring a peaceful and democratic solution for all in Yugoslavia.

The Federal Executive Council again stresses the need that parallel with the resolution of the Yugoslav crisis, conditions for life and work in peace and security of property of all citizens in all parts of the country, have to be defined. In order to achieve that, the agreement on the country's functioning in the transitional period is necessary.

The Federal Executive Council again points out that the Government will support only those acts that contribute to putting emotions and tensions to rest, to the cessation of war conflicts and all other grave consequences of this senseless war.